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Remarks

Rejections

Double Patenting, 37 C.F.R. §1.75

The Office Action asserts that should claims 10 and 17 be found allowable, claims 26 and 28, respectively, will be objected to under 35 U.S.C. §1.75 as being substantial duplicates thereof.

Applicants have canceled claims 10 and 17.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 2, 10, 14, 17 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action asserts that these claims recite a balloon material in their preambles, but call for "using the blend [of the material] to make a compliant balloon."

Claims 2, 10, 14, 17 and 20 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 13, 16, 19 and 22-33 have been allowed.

Claims 12, 15, 18 and 21 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 12 originally depended from claim 10 which has been canceled. The dependency of claim 12 has been changed to claim 27.

Claim 14 from which claim 15 originally depended has been canceled. The dependency of claim 15 has been changed to claim 29.

Claim 17 from which claim 18 originally depended has been canceled. The dependency of claim 18 has been changed to claim 31.

Claim 20 from which claim 21 originally depended has been canceled. The dependency of claim 21 has been changed to claim 33.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claims 12, 15, 18

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and 21.

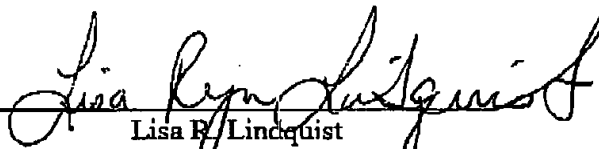
CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 15-16, 18-19 and 21-33 are pending in the Application. Applicants have addressed each of the issues presented in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and an early allowance of the claims as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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